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Claim Amendments

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions,  
and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (original): A sheet-processing machine, comprising:

a conveyor for transporting processed sheets at a processing  
speed and for releasing the sheets for braking to a depositing  
speed;

a braking element for braking the released sheets to the  
depositing speed;

a drive for said braking element; and

a drive connection for connecting said drive to said braking  
element, said drive connection having an overrunning clutch;  
and

a brake for retarding said braking element.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The machine according to claim  
1, wherein said braking element ~~comprises~~ is an endless

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suction belt perforated with suction openings ~~and being that~~  
is revolvable during operation, said suction belt ~~having~~ has a  
braking strand; and

said brake, ~~being~~ is configured as a suction box provided with  
a braking surface ~~formed~~ with suction openings formed therein,  
~~and being able to be swept over by~~ said braking strand sweeps  
over said braking surface.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The machine according to claim  
2, ~~which further comprises a~~ wherein said brake includes an  
actively acting brake assembly in addition to said braking  
surface for temporarily retarding said braking element.

Claim 4 (original): The machine according to claim 1, wherein  
said braking element is a rotational body.

Claim 5 (original): The machine according to claim 4, wherein  
said rotational body constitutes a suction ring.

Claim 6 (original): The machine according to claim 4, wherein  
said rotational body constitutes a suction roller.

Claim 7 (original): The machine according to claim 1, wherein  
said drive connection is severable.

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Claim 8 (original): The sheet-processing machine according to  
claim 1 configured as a rotary printing press.